

was insufficient water for the new settlers. This was a period when feelings ran high among the two groups. In an endeavor to get more water the new settlers met in



First water to Heber Valley from Colorado watershed. (Daniel)



James Lindsay

the winter of 1878 and determined to go up Center Creek Canyon in the spring to locate reservoir sites. The leader of the group was James Lindsay, and his experiences in the problem of securing water were typical of many of the trials that new settlers underwent at this time.

James Lindsay was born in Scotland in 1849. His father was killed mining coal in 1861, leaving his widow and four sons—Robert, William, James, and Andrew. The Lindsay family was converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and emigrated to America. They came to Heber in 1862 and later homesteaded land